

LUETKEMEYER NAMED STATE TREASURER

Wins Election After Assembly Is Prodded By Governor

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Annapolis, Jan. 3—John A. Luetkemeyer, president of the Equitable Trust Company, today was elected treasurer of Maryland by the General Assembly in response to a quick, sharp prod from Governor Tawes.

Mr. Luetkemeyer, a 52-year-old Baltimorean, will succeed Hooper S. Miles, chairman of the board of the Maryland National Bank, who has been State treasurer for 28 years.

Mr. Miles announced several weeks ago that he would not run for another four-year-term. And Governor Tawes let it be known that Mr. Luetkemeyer was his choice to succeed Mr. Miles.

But George W. Della, former president of the State Senate, wanted the post and was here yesterday campaigning among the legislators at the opening day of this General Assembly session.

Governor Tawes, getting wind of Mr. Della's activities and hearing that certain labor leaders were helping the former legislator, moved in a hurry.

Moves Outlined

In quick succession, the Governor:

1. Issued a formal statement declaring his support of Mr. Luetkemeyer.
2. Called the Democratic leaders in for a strategy conference.
3. Decided to "go" today with the election, instead of holding off a while longer as had been planned originally.

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office passed the "word" to the legislators.

The Democratic majorities of each house were called into separate caucuses.

Nose counts at the caucuses showed Mr. Tawes was in command.

The 112 Democratic delegates present at the caucus of the House agreed, 106 to 6, to accede to the Governor's demand that his old friend, who had been his campaign treasurer last year, be named treasurer of Maryland.

There was a similarly strong desire among the Democratic senators to follow the Tawes leadership.

So the election at a joint session which followed was nothing more than a formality.

The Republicans, as a gesture, nominated Joseph J. Hahn, Jr., of Westminster, a former delegate, for the post.

Each senator and delegate was given a slip of paper on which to write his choice for treasurer.

But it was anything but a secret election.

As each legislator approached the tally clerks—two delegates and two senators—he handed over his ballot. His name was called and the person he voted for was read out loud.

Result Noted

This was the result:

Luetkemeyer	139 votes
Hahn	26 votes
Della	2 votes

The two who voted for Mr. Della were Senators Paul A. Dorf (D., Fifth, Baltimore) and Robert P. Dean (D., Queen Annes).

Mr. Luetkemeyer even got the votes of four Republican senators and a lone Republican delegate.

The post of State treasurer pays but \$2,500 a year. But it carries with it an incalculable amount of prestige and importance.

As treasurer, Mr. Luetkemeyer will sit with Governor Tawes and Louis L. Goldstein, State comptroller, as a member of the Board of Public Works, which controls all State expenditures.

He will decide in which banks



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the State's monies shall be deposited. And as treasurer, he will make the decisions as to when State bonds are to be offered for sale. He invests unexpended or surplus funds.

Mr. Luetkemeyer, who lives at 6 Cotswald road, is married to the former Anne Austin McLanahan. They have three children—John A., Jr., and Anne, 21-year-old twins, and Jean Scott, an 18-year-old daughter.

Mr. Luetkemeyer was graduated from Harvard University in 1933. He was a decorated Marine Corps major during World War II.

Posts Named

He is a director of several corporations as well of the Development Credit Corporation of Maryland, the Baltimore Association of Commerce and the Greater Baltimore Committee.

Mr. Luetkemeyer is a trustee of the Calvert School, Church Home and Hospital, the Evergreen House Foundation, of Goucher College and of Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital.

He was an ardent behind-the-scenes worker and fund-raiser for the Tawes cause in the recent gubernatorial campaign.